



SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
66th TOP SENIORS
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

MAY 15, 2025



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66th ANNUAL

CLASS OF 2025 TOP SENIORS

A Celebration hosted by Godinez High School

May 15, 2025

WELCOME

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Santa Ana Unified NJROTC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Thomas Tran

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Members, Board of Education

STUDENT REMARKS

Giovanni Rodriguez

Band Performance

Godinez Fundamental High School's Mariachi under the direction of Gerardo Ramirez with
"El Hombre Que Yo Amo" - senior vocalist Alma Téllez

TOP Seniors RECOGNITION

Jesse Church, Hector Godinez Fundamental High School

Nata Shin, Century High School

Trucker Clark, Ed.D., César E. Chávez High School

Amy Scruton, Círculos High School at ALA

Michael A. Parra, Lorin Griset Academy

Damon Voight, Middle College High School

Edward Bustamante, Saddleback High School

Elizabeth Enloe, Santa Ana High School

Celeste Migliaccio, Segerstrom High School

Katherine Berger, Valley High School

CLOSING

Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent of Schools



CLASS OF 2025 TOP SENIORS SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection process identifies and ranks students according to their weighted academic grade point average in grades 9 through 12 earned in semester and year-long courses.

If there is a tie, the next criterion is total credits earned, followed by AP credits earned. If there is still a tie, the academic grade point average from grades 10-12 will be the deciding factor.





GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL



Giovanni Rodriguez

Math and Computer Science, Stanford

After continuous dedication towards my education for the past four years, being chosen as a top student is an amazing honor. While I am thankful for the support of many staff throughout my education, I am extremely grateful for the continuous support from my counselor who put up with my constant bombardment of questions throughout the past four years, Mr. Hall, and Mrs. Valencia—truly one of the most caring and supportive teachers on campus. Above all, I'd like to thank my family for their sacrifices in valuing my education and providing me with the opportunity to gain my own education.



Thomas Tran

Business Economics, UCLA

I am honored to be recognized as a top 100 student in Santa Ana. I would like to thank the teachers and staff at Godinez for pushing me to become the best student I can be. I am proud to represent Godinez and Santa Ana as I pursue my future endeavors.



Katrina Nguyen

Biological Sciences, UCLA

It is a great honor and accomplishment to be recognized as a Top Seniors in the district. It is astonishing to see how my determination and hard work have allowed me to elevate myself to greater heights during my time in high school and beyond. I would like to thank and show my immense gratitude to my father, brother, loved ones, and friends that have been there for me and helped push and encouraged me to be my best self during this journey these past four years!



Alexander Magdaleno Tamayo
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Stanford

It is truly an honor to be recognized as a top senior in the district, and I am grateful for the support that has helped me reach this achievement. I sincerely thank my family, teachers, coaches, and friends for their unwavering encouragement, guidance, and belief in me throughout this journey. Their support has shaped me into the person I am today, and I am excited to carry these lessons forward into the future.



Angelo Nieto

Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine

I take this recognition with great honor as a top senior in the SAUSD school district. There is no greater accomplishment than knowing you put in an immense amount of hard work and determination towards a notion and being acknowledged by others. I give my full appreciation to my family who constantly pushes me and supports me, specifically my sister who is always there when I need her. I huge thanks to my friends who never gave up on me and keep me going while in school or out. Finally, my forever respect to the staff that constantly aid me and mentor me to becoming a better student.



Natalia Gutierrez

Santa Ana College, Undeclared

I'm glad to be a Top Senior because it means all my hard work, stress and all-nighters have paid off. First and foremost I want to thank God for always helping me, giving me strength and resilience, and for putting so many amazing people in my path. As I graduate, I recognize that there are so many paths before from which to pick; so I will continue to explore my options.



GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL



Giselle Velasco Garcia

Biological Sciences, UC Irvine

I am deeply honored to have been selected as a SAUSD Top Senior. This recognition couldn't have been achieved without the sacrifices of my parents, whose hard work has always inspired me to strive for the best. I would like to extend my gratitude to my brother, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hall, and the Godinez staff for their unwavering support and advice throughout these four years. It will always be an honor to serve our community and represent SAUSD.



David Tran

Mechanical Engineering, UC Irvine

I am honored to be recognized as a top senior in SAUSD and grateful for the support that has helped me reach this milestone. I would like to thank my counselor, Mr. Hall, my close classmates, and my parents for their encouragement and guidance throughout my academic journey. Their support has motivated me to pursue my passion for mechanical engineering at UC Irvine, and I look forward to the opportunities ahead.



Katie Le

Biology and Chemistry, Cal Tech

In my last four years, I've worked diligently, pushing myself to be the best student I can be, so I find it a tremendous honor to be recognized as a SAUSD Top Senior. Of course, this honor doesn't distinguish me as any better than the hundreds of brilliant minds I've received the opportunity to work with, nor does it highlight the efforts of my educators, mentors, and supporters, such as Ms. Statler, Ms. Valenzuela, and Mr. Hall, to guide me along my academic journey.



Alondra Delgado

Occupational Therapy, USC

Being honored as an SAUSD Top Scholar reflects the determination and resilience of the Hispanic community. I am proud to show that the sacrifices made by my parents have not been in vain. With the invaluable guidance of my counselor, Mr. Hall, and the support from teachers and coaches, I have come a long way in my educational journey. I'm grateful for this recognition and hope to serve my community in meaningful ways moving forward.



Yoselin Catalan

Biology, UCLA

It is an honor to be recognized as a SAUSD Top Senior. I would like to thank God, my hard-working mother, and my siblings for their continued support and commitment to my success. Gracias por su apoyo incondicional, los quiero mucho. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to my amazing counselors and teachers, including Ms. Le, Ms. Moreno, and Mrs. P, for their support in my pursuit of higher education.



Daniel Diaz Benitez

Biological Sciences, UC Irvine

It is an incredible honor to be recognized as a top senior, a reflection of the hard work and dedication that have shaped my journey. I am deeply grateful to my family, teachers, and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement, which have been instrumental in my success. I look forward to continuing to make the most of the opportunities ahead and carrying the lessons learned from those who have guided me along the way.



Jesus Ornelas Ramirez

Architecture, Southern Cal Institute of Architecture

I am thrilled to study architecture and interim housing at the Southern California Institute of Architects. This could not have been possible without the help of my teachers and creative facilitators across Santa Ana. I also want to sincerely thank my supportive sister and mom for never losing any faith in me.



Annette Martinez

Psychology, UCLA

Being recognized as one of SAUSD's Top Scholars is an honor. I would love to thank God for his blessings and my family for all their love and support. I would also like to thank all the teachers and staff who have guided me for the past four years, especially Ms. McMahon, for believing in my ability to come out on top of all the challenges I have faced. Ultimately, I would love to thank my friends who have pushed me to experiences I would have never dreamed of, making me thankful to have met them in this world!



Alma Tellez

Business Administration, UC Irvine

Being recognized as a top senior is an incredible honor that reflects years of hard work, dedication, and support from those around me. I am deeply grateful to my family, friends, and Mr. Hall for their constant encouragement, guidance, and belief in me throughout this journey. This achievement is not just mine but a testament to the amazing people who have helped shape me into the person I am.



CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL



David Rodriguez

Mechanical Engineering, UC Irvine

Being among the Top Seniors awarded students means I am being recognized as among the highest-achieving individuals in my academics. It reflects exceptional dedication, hard work, and outstanding performance compared to my peers. This distinction often opens good opportunities for scholarships, leadership roles, and future success.



Stephanie Ramos

Cellular and Molecular Biology, UC San Diego

Being in the Top Seniors has shown me that all the late nights and early mornings paid off. Thank you for the endless opportunities that wouldn't be possible without the big support team I've had growing up. It truly takes a village.



Martin Viveros

Electrical Engineering, UC San Diego

Being in the SAUSD Top Seniors demonstrates that my hard work in my education has paid off. It also makes me feel accomplished. As I worked very hard in my high school journey.



Liliana Magana

Mathematics and Civil Engineering, Cal Poly Pomona

I have made it to my destination and even though this is just the end to a bigger accomplishment, I am grateful. I am proud of everyone who has helped me, and I am thankful to my family. All the hard work was worth it.



Perla Ramirez Garcia

Pre Business/Economics, UCLA

As a first-generation Mexican-American student, being recognized among the Top Seniors of SAUSD is an incredible honor. It reflects not only my dedication and hard work but the sacrifices my parents have made to create opportunities for me to succeed. This recognition motivates me to continue striving for greatness, knowing that every achievement is not just for myself, but for my family and the future they have made possible.



Nicole Ortiz

Nursing, CSU Long Beach

Being in the SAUSD Top Seniors to me means hard work, dedication, and commitment. Throughout my four years in high school, I have worked very hard to be where I am today, I have sacrificed and dedicated my time towards my studies and committed to my education. While the journey was not easy, it was a challenge I was willing to overcome for my future.



Jocelyn Gaytan-Ramirez

Pre Business/Economics, UCLA

Being recognized is not a reflection of my accomplishments, but rather a reflection of the efforts and sacrifices I have made through the course of these past four years. Additionally, it is a recognition of my dedication to complete assignments I found myself struggling with and understanding the material taught, while focusing on myself as an individual. Ultimately, to be in the SAUSD Top Seniors is a reflection of the challenges I faced beyond the academic setting, moments that led to my personal growth.



CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL



Adams Lim

Political Science, CSU Long Beach

Being in the SAUSD Top Seniors just shows how far I've come. As someone who tried to primarily focus on his education, it just shows the progression over the 4 years of high school. It's a milestone that represents my journey and determination.



Dayron Flores-Hernandez

Business/Finance, UCLA

To become Top Seniors in SAUSD is a true accomplishment for me and my family. The hard work and the hours of studying allowed me to become exceptional student where I have developed grit which will allow me to succeed in my career path. Nonetheless I am truly grateful for the love and support of my family, friends and for the staff at Century High School to allow me to become Top Seniors student.



Nellie Baca

Nursing, CSU Long Beach

My hard work and my parents' sacrifices. I remember not being confident to take dual enrollment classes, but I'm proud I did. That decision helped shape my academic journey and brought me to where I am today.



Shaila Salazar

Business, CSU Fullerton

It's a huge honor to know and feel all my hard work being recognized and rewarded. It has not always been easy because of the challenges that life throws our way so I am proud to be able to have such honor. I feel so much joy to know I have made my parents proud and inspired my younger siblings to continue to work hard.



Cynthia Vivas

Nursing, Vanguard University

To be in the SAUSD Top Seniors, it means all the hard work and dedication with effort has given me the opportunity to be one of the best students. It really means that all those times I felt like giving up but didn't and continued striving really paid off. It has given me the confidence and motivation to keep on going by accomplishing my goals towards anything I set my mind too.



Alexis Rodriguez

Criminology, CSU Long Beach

To be in the Top Seniors means that all my hard work throughout my 4 years in high school paid off. To me, being top 15 in my school is a huge achievement and an honor, as there were many obstacles throughout my years. To me, it also shows that my parents' sacrifices were worth it, as I was able to prove that I am a good student.



Allison Shin

Psychology, Loyola Marymount

Being in the SAUSD Top Seniors is a recognition I'm honored to receive. To be highlighted amongst all my outstanding peers is an unreal achievement. This is totally awesome!



Alexa Cruz-Hernandez

Criminology, CSU Long Beach

Being in the Top Seniors of SAUSD means so much not only to me but also to my parents. When they heard the news, they were incredibly proud of me, and hearing them express that pride made every late night spent completing assignments feel worthwhile. Throughout my high school career, I faced many challenges, but this accomplishment has shown me that everything I overcame was worth it.



Marlene Castelan

Education, UC Irvine

It means the hard work I have put in since my freshman year has paid off. Everything my parents have sacrificed is paying off. I have the chance to do good things with my life.



CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ HIGH SCHOOL



Fantasia Torres
Nursing, Santiago Canyon Community College

I am honored to be recognized among the Top Senior students of SAUSD. I am thankful to my family and most importantly God. "Con Dios siempre por delante en las metas o los planes, y de Él no he de olvidarme porque me ayuda a avanzar."



Matthew Abarca
Criminal Justice, Golden West College

I want to thank my family and friends for supporting me through my high school years and I want to thank my mom especially for guiding me into the right direction of education. I appreciate my mom for being there for me, and I want to give big thanks to the teachers that have taught me and other students many topics throughout my school years from Kindergarten to 12th grade.



CÍRCULOS HIGH SCHOOL AT ADVANCED LEARNING ACADEMY



Madalyn Balbuena
Aerospace Engineering, UC Davis

It is a great honor to be recognized as a Top SAUSD Senior and I am very thankful for it. For the past 4 years I have been dedicated to working hard on my academics and I would have not done it without the support from my family, friends, and teachers. I am excited for the next chapter of my life and to grow from all my mistakes and successes.



Manuel Brito
Government, Georgetown University

Being recognized as a SAUSD Top Senior is a major accomplishment. I'm grateful for this privilege, and it is an honor to be acknowledged for my hard work and academic achievement. I'm extremely thankful for my family, friends, and everyone who has supported and believed in me. I wouldn't be the person I am today without them. I'm excited for what the future holds.



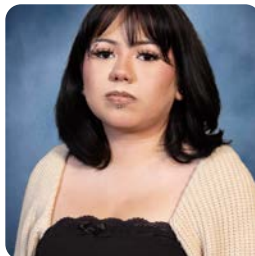
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**Business
Entrepreneurship/Cosmetology, Santa
Ana College**

Being recognized as a Top Senior in the district shows that all the hard work and effort that I invested paid off. People can see what I achieved and how I have changed.



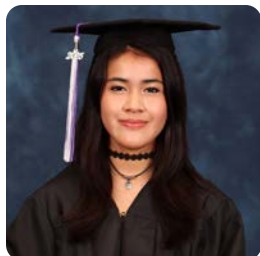
Darlene Diaz

Child Development, Sana Ana College

Being recognized as a Top Senior student in the district shows that I worked really hard and had the strength to participate and attend and complete school.



MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Paola Sanchez

Economics, Princeton University

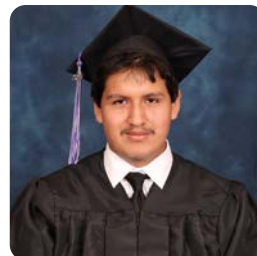
Being a Top Seniors Scholar in SAUSD is a testament to the countless hours of hard work I have dedicated to my academics, the unwavering support from my community, and the resources that have guided me along the way. It is a reflection of my parent's sacrifices and the obstacles we have faced and overcome together. To me, this achievement is a reminder that with determination and resilience, I can accomplish anything I set my mind to.



Angel Garcia

Aerospace Engineering, USC

What being Top Seniors means to me is the accumulation of all the positives and negatives that happened throughout my life. It represents the sleepless nights and hard work put into studying and doing assignments. It represents the triumph and celebration with my family that all the hard work has paid off and the fruits of my labor have finally come to fruition.



Santiago Granados

Mechanical Engineering, UCLA

Being a Top Seniors student represents the work and effort of the past 4 years. It's an accumulation of the highs and lows, and a constant desire to be better. It is the result of the support I received from my family and friends.



Nathan Le

Biology, UCLA

Being a Top Seniors Scholar is a recognition of all the hard work I've put in these past four years. It is the result of the overwhelming support from my family, friends, and teachers who have helped me along the way. This achievement serves as a motivation for me to continue pushing forward as I pursue my future goals.



SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL



Leslie Vigil

Pre-Mathematics Financial Actuarial, UCLA

As a first-generation college student, being a part of the district's top students is a great accomplishment. I greatly appreciate my parents and family who have always been there to support me, as without them, I would not be in the position I am in today. I look forward to continuing my education and achieving great things in life.



Jared Quero

Pre-Mathematics Financial Actuarial, UCLA

I am proud to be recognized as one of the district's top senior students, allowing me to embrace all the hard work, dedication, and energy I have put into my education. Being able to push through all the obstacles and challenges as a first-generation, low-income individual has motivated me to become the student I am today. I am thankful to have such a supportive family that has helped me further my education at a 4-year university, where I can reach my goals and give back to those who have helped me through it all.



Bella Martinez

Public Health, UCLA

Being among the top seniors is a testament to the hard work and dedication I have put into my education. Throughout my high school years, I have gained valuable skills that will continue to guide me toward my future success. I would like to thank my family for always supporting and believing in me; my success would not have been possible without their encouragement.



Jocelyn Vazquez

Business, UC Davis

All of my hard work and perseverance throughout my school years have resulted in me being a part of the top seniors in the district. It has not been easy, but I want to thank my teachers, parents, counselors, and friends for always being there to support me. I am proud of myself and want to continue my education as a way of giving back to my parents.



Ana Ixcatcoy Chan

Liberal Studies, Chapman University

Being part of the Top Seniors in SAUSD shows a commitment to myself and education. I hope I have made my parents proud for all the sacrifices they made. I would like to continue my education and give back to my parents and community.



Karen Lara Reyes

Political Science, CSU Fullerton

I am highly honored to be a part of the top seniors in the district, as it shows that hard work does pay off. I feel very blessed to have parents and friends who have supported me throughout my years in high school. They are my top supporters, and this has given me the courage to work hard and maintain my grades while doing other school activities, and I will take this dedication to whatever the future holds for me.



Valeria Jimenez Sara

Nursing, California Baptist University

During my years in high school, I have been able to learn multiple skills and life lessons, and have been able to learn my top priorities. Being part of the top seniors in the district has allowed me to acknowledge my sacrifices and my hard work. I am in the place I stand today thanks to my parents.



Jake Guerrero

Biology, Santa Ana College

Through all the years of work and achievements I have gathered up until this point, being a top senior scholar has taken the crown. My family, friends, loved ones, and teachers brought me to this moment, this feeling of excellence, happiness, and courage. They will forever be the reason I continue to try my hardest; no matter how difficult, I will always do it for them.



Edith Hernandez

Political Science, UCLA

It is an honor to be part of the Top Senior Scholars and to have my work ethic be recognized after years of hard work. As a first-generation college student, I am thankful for all the support and resources that I have received so far in my education so that I can successfully prepare for college. I will continue to persevere in my education and try my best in everything that I do.



SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL



Isaias Rodriguez
Pharmaceutical Science, UC Irvine

I am proud of all my hard work, as I am among the top seniors in the district. Even if the workload was stressful and often tiring, I would like to thank my teachers, friends, and family for being there for me.



Giselle Banos
Psychology, UCLA

As a first-generation college student, being a top senior scholar is an honor. To be recognized for my dedication, hard work, and academic success, this achievement is a reflection not only of my passion for learning but also of the support that I have received from my family. I look forward to pursuing a higher education and achieving my dreams.



Janvi Shergill
Health Science, Chapman University
Being a top senior scholar has allowed me to acknowledge my hard work and the support from my family and community. Doing well in school is a way for me to show gratitude towards my family for all the sacrifices they made for me to be here today.



Yaneli Cantoran
Biology, UC Santa Barbara

Being a part of the Class of 2025 Top Seniors is a reflection of all the hard work I have put in throughout my high school years. This same hard work has helped shape me into the person I am today, and I am excited to continue this hard work in college, where I will be majoring in Biology. In the end, I couldn't have accomplished this and all other aspects of my school life without the help of my family and friends!



Fernando Gonzalez
Animation and Music, CSU Fullerton

This recognition is the proudest one I am honored to be granted, as being one of the top scholars of SAUSD represents my hardest efforts and my proudest accomplishments as an Honor student. These past four years have given me valuable lessons that will help me become the best version of myself that I know I can become, such as the importance of identity, showing compassion, standing up for others, being your advocate, remembering your roots, showing respect for others and their opinions, keeping composure when struggles are at their highest, and being proud of your culture and community. I am eternally grateful for the endless support that my family has given and the encouragement from my teachers and staff to put my best into what I care about; I cannot wait to make my dreams a reality in college and beyond.



Karen Alejandro Silverio
Human Biology, UC Davis

Being a Top Senior scholar is a reflection of the years of dedication, resilience, and academic excellence. I am honored to be recognized for my hard work, and I am grateful for the support I have received from my teachers, friends, and family over the past years. As I pursue higher education, I strive to excel in a professional career that aligns with my passions, and I hope to give back to my community and loved ones.



SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL



Rachel Aldaco
Liberal Studies/Spanish, UC Berkeley

I wish to express my profound gratitude to my family and close friends for their unwavering encouragement in pursuing my lifelong aspiration of becoming an educator, a dream I have nurtured since my elementary years. Over the past four years, I have had the privilege of encountering extraordinary individuals, among whom are my esteemed mentors, Ms. Hargrove, Mrs. Huizar, and Mr. Contreras. I am deeply thankful for their generosity in sharing their knowledge and wisdom, which has indelibly enriched my educational journey. Most importantly, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to God for shaping me into the individual I am today and for guiding me along a righteous path.



Helen Zhang
Environmental Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

I am truly honored to be recognized among the Top Senior students of SAUSD. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my family, counselors, and mentors, whose unwavering support has profoundly influenced my journey and strengthened my resolve to pursue my passions. As I embark on my educational journey at UC Berkeley, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to leverage my knowledge to foster social impact and create meaningful opportunities for underserved communities.



Layla Reyes
Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University

It is a profound honor to represent both my school and family as a distinguished top senior. I consider myself fortunate to be surrounded by a robust support system, both at home and within my academic environment. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my remarkable parents, dedicated teachers, and supportive friends, all of whom have consistently encouraged me to strive for excellence.



Analuisa Garcia
Business Administration, UC San Diego

Throughout my tenure at Santa Ana High School, I have placed significant emphasis on my education while deriving immense joy from my involvement in various clubs and collectives, including Key Club, the Engineering Collective, athletics, and the Freshman Mentor Program. My engagement in these activities, coupled with my academic achievements, has cultivated a profound interest in both Business and the STEM fields. Additionally, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support of my family, the encouragement of my peers, and the invaluable insights imparted by my esteemed instructors, from whom I have had the privilege of learning.



Jasmine Del Carmen
Political Science, UC San Diego

As a proud native of Santa Ana, my roots have not only anchored me here but have also propelled me across the country to pursue my fervent passion for law and social justice at esteemed institutions such as Notre Dame University, Georgetown University, and Dartmouth College. My commitment to this field culminated in my participation in various Mock Trial competitions, where I was honored to receive the MVP award and ultimately the Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Award for Best Prosecutor. I am profoundly grateful to my mentors, including Gloria Montiel, Herman Mitchell, Luis Contreras, and Jacqueline Rodrigues, as well as the Nicholas Academic Centers, my parents, and close friends. Most importantly, I give thanks to God for guiding my path and shaping my journey.



Brandon Dominguez
Legal Studies, UC Berkeley

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Santa Ana community, including my friends, family, counselor, the Nicholas Academic Centers, and AISS, for their unwavering support throughout my high school journey. The myriad of opportunities available in our city have empowered students like me to become trailblazers and pursue higher education in institutions that once seemed like a dream. I am truly honored to be recognized as a top scholar and aspire to continue making meaningful contributions to the Santa Ana community.



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Salvador Diaz

Applied Mathematics/Real Estate, UCLA

My dedication and perseverance over the past four years of high school have culminated in my achievement of ranking among the top seven students in my class, with a GPA of 4.7. Throughout this journey, I have maintained my commitment as a student-athlete, participating in soccer, track, and now volleyball, and I have been honored with awards for my efforts in these endeavors. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the steadfast support of my family and friends. At home, my parents have shown remarkable understanding of my demanding schedule, often going out of their way to drive me to practices or prepare meals when I return late. Their concern allows me to focus on my goals without added stress. At school, my volleyball team fosters a positive environment, while my best friend, George, plays a crucial role in keeping me grounded and focused.



Martin Silva

Chemistry, Stanford University

I am deeply honored to be recognized as a top senior and to accept this prestigious award. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my family and friends for their unwavering support of my academic and athletic pursuits. Each of their unique contributions has played a pivotal role in shaping me into the person I am today. Without their encouragement and guidance, I doubt I would have experienced such profound growth. I eagerly anticipate the opportunities that the future holds.



Crystal Sanchez

Business, UC Berkeley

As Santa Ana High School's Top Senior, I am honored to represent the resilience and determination of my community, shaped by the sacrifices of my parents and the unwavering support of my mentors, teachers, and especially my counselor. From advocating for first-generation students to leading initiatives that empower others, my journey has been driven by a passion for creating opportunities and uplifting those around me. This achievement is not just mine—it belongs to everyone who believed in me, reminding me that success is most meaningful when shared.



Santiago Torres

Mathematics, Cal Poly Pomona

My dedication and perseverance have enabled me to achieve a position among the top ten students in my class, maintaining a GPA of 4.6 throughout my high school career. I owe a profound debt of gratitude to my family for their unwavering support, particularly to my best friend, Marcos García. My family has empowered me to overcome various challenges, while Marcos has been an invaluable source of strength and guidance in navigating personal difficulties. Without their support, my accomplishments would not have been possible.



Haley Rios

Biology, CSU Long Beach

I would not be where I am today, nor would I have access to the opportunities I currently enjoy, without the steadfast support of my parents and teachers. During moments of overwhelming challenge, they consistently reminded me of my potential and encouraged me to persevere. With their unwavering guidance, I was able to navigate obstacles and remain focused on my aspirations.



Aaron Rivera

Marine Biology, CSU Long Beach

I take immense pride in my achievements in both sports and academics, dedicating each accomplishment to my family, whose love and sacrifices have served as my greatest source of motivation. Their unwavering support and belief in my potential have inspired me to persevere through every challenge, whether on the court or in the classroom. Each success I celebrate is a testament to their encouragement, and I am eternally grateful for the strength they have bestowed upon me in the pursuit of my dreams.



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Oribel Rios

Psychology, CSU Long Beach

I am profoundly grateful for my academic accomplishments and for my steadfast dedication to perseverance. These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of my parents, who believed in me even during moments of self-doubt. Their counsel, emphasizing that there are no limits to what I can achieve, has played a pivotal role in shaping the person I am today and will continue to be in the future.



Vienna Perez

Nursing, University of Pennsylvania

I extend my gratitude to my family and friends, whose unwavering belief in me and consistent encouragement have been invaluable. Additionally, I am deeply appreciative of the school staff, particularly Ms. Rodriguez, who has graciously addressed my numerous inquiries with patience and dedication. Their collective support has been instrumental in making my aspiration of becoming a pediatric oncology nurse not only attainable but a motivating force in my journey.



Fernando Ortega

Environmental/Chemical Engineering, UC Irvine

Throughout my high school career, I have received numerous accolades, including the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, the Principal's Honor Roll in 10th and 11th grades, the AP Scholar with Distinction, and several scholarships, such as the \$1,000 Bob McCalla Scholarship and the \$5,000 Amigos de Bolsa Chica Scholarship. I could not have achieved these honors without the encouragement of my immigrant parents, who instilled in me the importance of striving for academic excellence to create opportunities they could only dream of. With the unwavering support of my teachers, including Ms. Young, Ms. Rojas, Ms. Morales, and others, I have excelled in my studies and successfully navigated the scholarship application process, positioning myself for a bright future ahead.



SEGERSTROM HIGH SCHOOL



Lynne Nguyen
Aerospace Engineering, MIT

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